



2009 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines for Entries

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
 - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
 - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
Artwork must be two-dimensional
Each piece can be **no larger** than 30"x30"x4" (30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.

*** Please see reverse for note on framing.

- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
 - **Note:** Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
 - o Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - o Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - o Collage: must be two dimensional
 - o Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - o Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
 - o Computer generated art
 - o Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.

*** Framing Note:

Submissions do not need to be framed for consideration. However, artwork cannot be selected as a winning entry if it exceeds 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep when framed. Artwork also may not exceed 15 pounds when framed.

- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is up with arrows.
- A copy of the completed Student Release Form **must be** attached to the back of the artwork.

Suitability Guidelines

- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2009 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Murray, Field Representative
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